

THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION

I. Current Situation

Reconciliation Nagib and Nasr weak
compromise inviting struggle and possible
disintegration ruling Revolutionary
Command Council.

A. Authority Nasr and Council weakened by
developments. *Nasr determined crush Nagib*

B. Nasr lost face and possibly some of his
nerve.

C. During critical days he was described
as "pathetically bewildered and
frightened."

D. Nagib basically weak, indecisive.

Personality only asset. Character not
strengthened by return.

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F. Unknown elements in army maneuvering for power.

G. RCC has begun crackdown on unruly elements.

II. Anticipated Developments

A. Future authority RCC could now be uncertain. Position weakened by:

1. Continuing intra-council maneuvering.
2. Possible challenge from new military groups.
3. Undefined role Nagib versus Nasr and RCC.

B. Wafd, Moslem Brotherhood, Communists, other extremists, and old-line politicians may try establish relations with Nasr or Nagib or other army factions interested in power.

1. Both Brotherhood and Leftists appear involved return Nagib.

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C. Early return constitutional government

remote despite public announcement.

No progress economic development

possible during confusion.

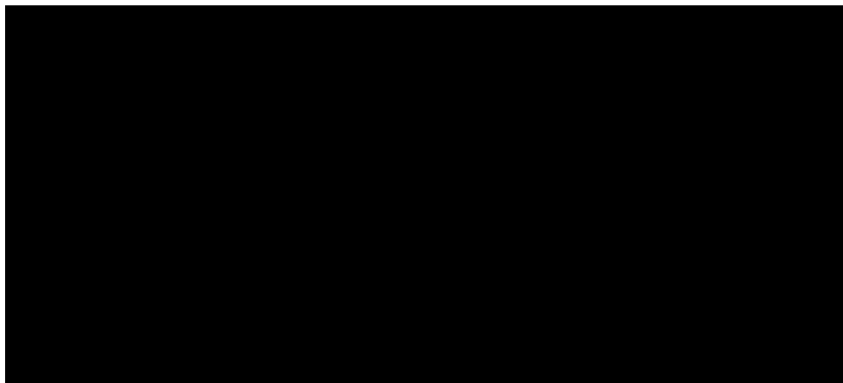
1. No basis prepared.

2. Council and Nagib too preoccupied.

D. Prospects Suez settlement in state of
suspense.

1. Increased influence extremists and
uncertain internal security lessen
hopes for settlement.

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4. Possibility sudden agreement remains
should either Nagib or Nasr emerge as
dominant figure and believe such
agreement might be sold people.

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E. Egypt's position and influence Sudan

adversely affected by Cairo
developments.

1. Nagib's 1 March visit Khartoum
precipitated severe disorders when
supporters Sudanese independence
clashed with pro-Egyptian elements.
2. Earlier announcement Nagib's removal
from office seriously disrupted
pro-unionists.

III. Immediate Future

- A. Period of confusion, maneuvering, loss
power by RCC likely promote more
extremist military dictatorship.
- B. Extreme rightist anti-British sentiment
likely to increase.
- C. Communism unlikely become significant;
may attach itself to anti-British
sentiment and rightist extremism.

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BACKGROUND

Sudanese Disorders on 1 March

1. 1 March visit Nagib to Khartoum to attend opening first Sudanese parliament precipitated clash some 30,000 pro-independence and pro-Egyptian demonstrators and police resulting 20 deaths, including British police commissioner, and over 100 injured.
2. Opening parliament postponed until 10 March. Nagib requested leave Sudan "interests of public security."
3. Pro-independence Umma Party, headed by the Mahdi, defeated November elections by Egyptian-supported National Unionist Party favoring union Egypt.

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4. Tribesmen Ansar sect, religious counterpart Umma and faithful followers Mahdi, appear in force in Khartoum shouting "Get out both British and Egyptians." Spear-bearing tribesmen charged police.
5. Violence followed wild demonstration 25 February. Unionists on learning Nagib's removal when crowd shouted: "No union without Nagib."

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